

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 3-8, line 1 in each, delete "one of the preceding claims" and substitute --Claim 1--

REMARKS

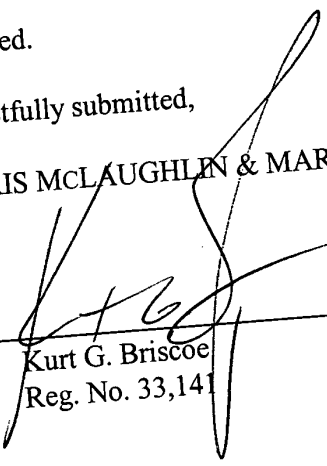
The amendments above amend the specification to include reference to the international application, and amend the claims to delete multiple dependencies.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. Cosmetic or dermatological preparations, which are finely dispersed systems of the oil-in-water or water-in-oil type, comprising

1. an oil phase,
2. an aqueous phase ,
3. boron nitride which has both hydrophilic and lipophilic properties, i.e. has amphiphilic character, and is dispersible both in water and in oil, and
4. at most 0.5% by weight of one or more emulsifiers.

2. Preparations according to Claim 1, characterized in that they are emulsifier-free.

3. Preparations according to Claim 1, characterized in that further cosmetic or pharmaceutical auxiliaries, additives and/or active ingredients are present.

4. Preparations according to Claim 1, characterized in that the content of boron nitride is between 0.1% by weight and 30% by weight, based on the total weight of the preparations.

X 5. Preparations according to Claim 1, characterized in that the average particle diameter of the boron nitride particles used is less than 20  $\mu\text{m}$ , particularly advantageously less than 15  $\mu\text{m}$ .

X 6. Preparations according to Claim 1, characterized in that, in addition to boron nitride, further pigments are present, in particular modified polysaccharides and/or microfine polymer particles and/or micronized, inorganic pigments which are chosen from the group of amphiphilic metal oxides, in particular from the group consisting of titanium dioxide, zinc oxide, iron oxides or iron mixed oxides, silicon dioxide or silicates, where the pigments can be present either individually or as a mixture.

X 7. Preparations according to Claim 1, comprising one or more additives or active ingredients selected from the group consisting of antioxidants and/or UV protectants.

8. Preparations according to Claim 1, comprising one or more additives or active ingredients selected from the group consisting of astringents and/or antimicrobially effective substances and/or substances effective against acne.